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SUBJECT: FINLAND REQUIREMENTS FOR US CORN

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1. RECORDS HERE INDICATE THAT AS OF DECEMBER 29, A TOTAL OF 97,000 TONS OF CORN WERE REPORTED SOLD TO FINLAND BY US EXPORTERS FOR SHIPMENT DURING THE YEAR WHICH BEGAN OCTOBER 1, 1974. AS OF DECEMBER 29, 39,000 OF THIS HAD ALREADY BEEN SHIPPED. THERE HAS BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT RECENT ADDITION TO THIS COMMITMENT LEVEL; ON THE CONTRARY, THERE HAS BEEN SOME NET DECLINE, APPARENTLY REFLECTING EITHER A CANCELLATION, OR A CHANGE IN THE FINAL DESTINATION THAT HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY REPORTED BY AN INTERMEDIARY EUROPEAN BUYER TO THE US EXPORTER WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TO USDA A SALE TO FINLAND.

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2. THERE HAS BEEN NO FORMAL CONTACT WITH GOF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCERNING LEVEL OF THEIR CORN PURCHASES, AND THERE IS NO RECOLLECTION OF EVEN ANY INFORMAL OR CASUAL CONTACT CONCERNING THE SUBJECT. SOLE CONTACT HAS BEEN WITH EXPORT SELLERS UNDER VOLUNTARY APPROVAL SYSTEM, LAST OF WHICH OCCURRED ON NOVEMBER 7, 1974.

3. FYI. NO SPECIFIC QUANTITY HAS BEEN "RESERVED" FOR FINLAND.
END FYI.

4. CONSIDERING PAST HISTORY OF FINLAND'S CORN IMPORTS, EVEN IF THEY COMPLETE TAKING THE FULL AMOUNT OF 97,000 TONS PRESENTLY REPORTED COMMITTED BY US EXPORTERS, THIS WOULD REPRESENT UNUSUALLY HIGH VOLUME. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT OF FINAL CROP OUTTURN AND LEVEL OF IMPORT REQUIREMENTS NOW EXPECTED EITHER BY GOVERNMENT OR INDUSTRY SOURCES FOR THE 1974-75 SEASON, PREFERABLY IN TERMS OF THE 12-MONTH PERIOD BEGINNING OCTOBER 1. ALSO, PLEASE REPORT WHETHER ANY PORTION OF SUCH IMPORT REQUIREMENTS, PARTICULARLY OF CORN, ARE LIKELY TO COME FROM ORIGINS OTHER THAN USA. KISSINGER

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